Engineering Co., (2) Dywidag-SPCL-Afcons J/V, (3) IIMC Consortium, SKANSKA, (4) infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited, SKIL Infrastructure, (5) Larsen & Toubro Limited and (6) Reliance Energy, Hyundai Engineering Construction Company.

Pollution of Pushkar Pond

†3413. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that millions of pilgrims take holy dip in the 'Sarovar' of 'Tirthraj Pushkar' every year and the water of this 'Sarovar' has become fully polluted and posing greater possibility of multiple diseases to the pilgrims taking holy dip therein;

(b) what Government have received any proposal regarding erection of a water treatment plant at the Sarovar from Government of Rajasthan in order to clean the water; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Pushkar Sarovar at Pushkar in Ajmer District, which is religious significance, is reported to be polluted. The Ministry of Environment and Forests so far has not received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan for undertaking pollution abatement measures in Pushkar Sarovar under the National Lake Conservation Plan.

Plantation of mangroves

3414. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified 35 locations in the country for planting mangroves;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the locations thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have any scheme for protecting the existing mangroves; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On a nation-wide basis, 35 sites have been identified as appropriate for planting of mangroves and their conservation and management. The State-wise list is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Under the scheme, 100% Central Assistance is given to coastal States and Union Territories for implementing the approved Management Action Plans in the identified sites for components like Survey & Demarcation, Mangrove planting, Restoration & Regeneration, Livelihood support, Protection & Surveillance measures, and Education & Awareness.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. At present, the mangroves are protected through a range of regulatory measures like Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991; Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies under the EIA Notification, 1994 for specialized industries, and monitoring of compliance, of conditions imposed while according Environmental Clearance by Regional Offices of the Ministry and State Pollution Control Boards; and enforcement of emission and effluent standards by industries and other entities. Mangroves located within the notified forest areas are also covered by the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Statement

Plantation of Mangroves

State/Union Territories	Mangrove areas
West Bengal	1. Sunderbans
Orissa	2. Bhaitarkanika 3. Mahanadi 4. Subernarekha 5. Devi 6. Dharma 7. Mangrove Genetic Resources Centre 8. Chilka
Andhra Pradesh	9. Coringa 10. East Godavari 11. Krishna
Tamil Nadu	12.Pichavaram 13. Muthupet 14. Ramnad 15. Pulicat 16. Kazhuveli

State/Union Territories	Mangrove areas
Andaman & Nicobar	17. North Andamans 18. Nicobar
Kerala	19. Vembanad
Karnataka	20. Coondapur 21. Dakshin Kannada/Honnavar 22. Karwar
Goa	23. Goa
Maharashtra	24. Achra-Ratnagiri 25. Devgarh-Vijay Durg 26. Veldur 27. Kundalika-Revdanda 28. Mumbra-Diva 29. Vikroli 30. Shreevardhan 31. Vaitarna 32. Vasai-Manori 33. Malvan
Gujarat	34. Gulf of Kutchh 35. Gulf of Khambhat

Pollution free cities

3415. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to declare Tirupathi Tirumala as pollution free city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Madurai and Kanchipuram will also declared as pollution free cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Eco-city programme has taken up Tirupathi for eco-city development of the core area of the Tirupathi town. There is at present no plan to take up the Tirumala town under the said